

voted to approve a comprehensive report outlining actions regarding Ukraine and the obstruction of justice. For 2 weeks last month, the American people heard various witnesses share their account of the President and the things that were happening in our government.

As an African American I stand here today, Mr. Speaker, and I am very sensitive to any action to oppress my right to vote. My history as an African American in this country causes me to be very alert. Furthermore, the report details a concerted effort by the White House to defy authorized congressional subpoenas for documents, a right the Supreme Court has affirmed Congress possesses.

During the Constitutional Convention, it was noted that Madison rose and asked his colleagues two questions: "Shall any man be above justice? Shall that man be above it who can commit the most extensive injustice?"

With great power comes great responsibility. That responsibility has been ignored, and it has been demonstrated in the office of our President that his only interest is his self-interest and not that which is the best interest of the American people.

Mr. Speaker, Congress will be tasked with making a decision that will likely alter the course of history. However, taking the evidence into account, this is not a difficult decision. When history looks back, I will be one of the Members of Congress who kept my oath, who served and voted to protect, preserve, and defend the Constitution of the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

#### RECOGNIZING DRS. LYNN AND SAM COFIELD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in special recognition of my lifelong friends, Drs. Lynn and Sam Cofield of Trigg County, Kentucky, for their remarkable careers and outstanding contributions to their local community and beyond. This year marks their retirement, and I want to congratulate Lynn and Sam for many decades of success.

Lynn and Sam met while attending veterinary school at Auburn University. They married in 1984 and bought the Trigg County Veterinary Clinic located in Cadiz, Kentucky. While practicing veterinary medicine, they also managed a 160-acre farm they called Riverview West. They raised a herd of purebred Charolais cattle and quickly rose to prominence among the cattle industry. Producing and exhibiting Charolais cattle became passions for Lynn and Sam, who continued to expand their influence in the agriculture community.

From 1986 to 1991 Lynn served as Kentucky Junior Charolais Association adviser where I was one of her many students who traveled the livestock show circuit with the Cofield family. Lynn was also active in many organizations over the years ranging from 4-H and FFA to the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association.

Sam served on the Farm Bureau Board of Directors and the Trigg County Health Department Board. Both Lynn and Sam supplied the Trigg County community with high-quality, honest veterinary medicine until 2019. Their clinic sold in February, and in October they began a hard-earned and much-deserved retirement. In the words of those who know them best, the Cofields are staples in Trigg County and the surrounding communities.

Countless families can tell stories of how the Cofields cared for their pets and livestock from beginning to end. The Cofields let no obstacle prevent them from providing top-notch medical care. Whether in the wee hours of the morning or in the pouring rain, the Cofields were there ready to lend a hand.

Once again, I want to congratulate Drs. Lynn and Sam Cofield on their notable careers and recent retirement. I thank them both for being exceptional leaders in the First Congressional District of Kentucky.

#### HONORING THE WORK OF THE KENTUCKY MAGISTRATES AND COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the work of the Kentucky Magistrates and Commissioners Association headquartered in Frankfort, Kentucky.

On October 30, 2019, the Association provided over 500 new pairs of shoes to Monroe County schools. The shoes were delivered to my hometown and my former school Tompkinsville Elementary. I am deeply grateful to the elected magistrates and commissioners who made this donation on behalf of the KMCA. Their actions represent the best of the Commonwealth and make me proud to represent one of its six congressional districts.

I want to particularly thank several members of the KMCA from the Monroe County Fiscal Court: Magistrates Jamie Veach, Roger Deckard, Ricky Bartley, Ricky Graves, and Mark Williams, in addition to county judge, Mitchell Page. I also want to thank my good friend, J.C. Young, executive director of the Kentucky Magistrates and Commissioners Association for spearheading the effort.

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No child should worry that they might leave the house without adequate footwear, and because of the actions of the Kentucky Magistrates and Commissioners Association, Monroe County's most vulnerable are better off today than they were only a few short weeks ago.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I thank the KMCA for choosing Monroe County and for the time and energy they sacrificed

to improve the everyday lives of dozens of schoolchildren. Their efforts are applauded in Kentucky's First Congressional District.

#### CONGRATULATING NEW PAL FOOTBALL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the New Palestine High School football team for winning the Indiana high school Class A football state championship. This marks the second year in a row the Dragons have gone undefeated.

I applaud Coach Kyle Ralph, who now has an 88-4 record in his 7-season tenure at New Pal.

I also congratulate the whole team for their hard work in this fantastic accomplishment. Congratulations to all the Dragon nation.

#### CONGRATULATING EHHS CHEERLEADING

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Eastern Hancock High School cheerleading squad for winning the Indiana Cheer Championship Varsity D division.

After placing fourth at the semi-State competition, the Royals returned to the State competition for a victorious first place win.

The Royal cheerleading squad has displayed dedication, hard work, and sheer talent. They have made the Sixth District very proud.

#### RECOGNIZING GREENSBURG AG TEACHER GREG SCHNEIDER

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Greensburg Community High School agriculture teacher and FFA adviser Greg Schneider.

Greg Schneider was recently awarded the honorary American FFA degree through his commitment to the advancement of ag education. The degree recognizes those who have gone beyond valuable daily contributions to make a positive difference in the lives of their students.

Congratulations to Greg, who has inspired confidence in a new generation of farmers.

#### RECOGNIZING SHELBYVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL'S KRIS BAKER

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Shelbyville Central Schools' special education coordinator, Kris Baker, for winning a prestigious education award.

Kris' work has earned her the 2019 Early Career Special Education Administrator Award. Ms. Baker won the award for her dedication to autism education and assistive technology at Earlywood Educational Services.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Kris for the work she has done for those in need, and I congratulate her on this honor.

#### CONGRATULATING ANALYTICAL ENGINEERING ON GOLD HIRE VETS MEDALLION AWARD

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Analytical Engineering of Columbus and the May family for receiving the Gold HIRE Vets Medallion

Award from the U.S. Department of Labor.

This marks the second year in a row that Analytical Engineering, Inc., has earned this esteemed award. They were 1 of only 12 companies in Indiana to win this award by hiring and retaining veterans.

As a Beirut veteran myself, I appreciate companies like Analytical Engineering for taking care of those who have served our country.

SEND NDAA TO PRESIDENT

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my Democratic colleagues to stop playing political games and send the NDAA to President Trump's desk.

The NDAA has been a bipartisan piece of legislation that we, as Congress, have passed for 58 straight years. The NDAA is essential for our men and women in uniform and for our National Defense Strategy.

Now, in the final hour, House Democrats want to wedge partisan policies into this bill. As Democrats continue to divide Congress over nondefense issues, they play right into the hands of our enemies.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to stop indulging in this political theater and pass the NDAA.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 34 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

God of light, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Once again we come to You to ask wisdom, patience, peace, and understanding for the Members of this people's House.

Give them the generosity of heart and the courage of true leadership to work toward a common solution to the many issues facing our Nation.

As true statesmen and -women, may they find fortitude to make judgments to benefit all Americans in their time of need.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's pro-

ceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SCHNEIDER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SCHNEIDER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME

(Mr. SCHNEIDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, climate change is an immediate and existential threat to our national security, economy, and the future we leave to our children.

This is a global problem that requires urgent international solutions, but the Trump administration is dangerously squandering this crucial moment. Quite simply, we are running out of time.

By formally beginning withdrawal from the Paris climate agreement, the President is ceding American leadership on climate and actively undermining critical efforts to curb emissions and transition to a clean energy economy.

As signatory countries around the world meet this week for a conference in Madrid, I am introducing a resolution, joined by more than 100 of my House colleagues as original cosponsors, condemning the administration's actions. This resolution sends a strong message that the House opposes the President's reckless, irresponsible decision to abandon the climate agreement, and we stand ready to fulfill the commitments that our Nation made under the Paris Agreement to address the climate threat.

I urge my colleagues to join me in this clear call for global action and critically needed U.S. leadership.

#### WAGES ARE RISING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, yesterday, Jessica Holdman with The Post and Courier reported that wages in South Carolina

rose faster than expected this year and will continue to rise. I was alerted to this by Gary David and Christopher Thompson on WVOC by iHeartRadio. I am grateful for President Donald Trump's actions to increase wages by reducing taxes and regulations.

According to Doug Woodward, economist with the University of South Carolina's Darla Moore School of Business, this is the best job market we have seen in a generation. USC economist Joey Von Nessen says, "workers are in high demand right now, and we are seeing strong wage growth as a result. This includes wage growth for workers across the pay scale, with those on the lower end benefiting the most."

By creating jobs, raising wages, and consistently working to promote opportunities, President Trump is continuing his record of keeping his promises. I am grateful that President Trump is focused to work for American families and jobs, despite the failed Russian hoax and today the impeachment hoax.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

#### CUTS TO SNAP AFFECT EVERYONE

(Mrs. DAVIS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I want to talk about the administration's move to cut hundreds of thousands of people from SNAP, our Nation's safety net for those faced with food insecurity.

By the USDA's own estimates, nearly 700,000 people will be hurt by this policy. 700,000, that is appalling. That is 700,000 people who will struggle to feed themselves while they work towards getting back on their feet. That is 700,000 people who will have to decide whether to pay their bills or go hungry.

But this doesn't just affect those who will be cut from the food assistance program, this affects everyone. SNAP dollars are spent in local small businesses and help bring money to struggling communities. Simply put, this rule will make more people go hungry and hurt our communities in the process.

In Congress, we worked together on this issue. We reached a consensus, and we passed bipartisan legislation. So this policy is not what we passed, and it is not what the American people want. I am calling on this administration to stop this cruel policy.

#### RECOGNIZING BITTLE PORTERFIELD

(Mr. CLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to memorialize Roanoke businessman Mr. Bittle Porterfield, III,